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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3651

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4120

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CGEN, OTRA, LE, LA (KRAFT, JOSEPH)

REF: A. STATE 59128 (NOTAL); B. JIDDA 2242 (NOTAL);

C. JIDDA 2282 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF 1030 HOURS APRIL 1, SAUDI EMBASSY BEIRUT STILL  
HAS NO AUTHORIZATION ISSUE KRAFT VISA.

2. KRAFT NOW EXTREMELY, AND IN OUR OPINION UNJUSTIFIABLY,  
CRITICAL OF DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMBASSIES. HE STATES THAT  
ON ARRIVAL CAIRO RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM HIS OFFICE TO EFFECT  
THAT QUOTE EAGLEBURGER HAD STATED VISA WOULD BE AVAILABLE  
SAUDI EMBASSY BEIRUT ON HIS RETURN HERE MONDAY NIGHT END  
QUOTE. WE GREETED HIM WITH LESS OPTIMISTIC NEWS CONTAINED  
REFTEL B. IT APPEARS OBVIOUS TO US THAT AT TIME KRAFT'S  
OFFICE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT, MORE PESSIMISTIC  
NEWS CONTAINED REFTEL B NOT YET AVAILABLE. DESPITE OUR  
BEST EFFORTS PERSUADE HIM OTHERWISE, KRAFT REMAINS  
CONVINCED THAT JIDDA QUOTE REPORTING ONE THING TO  
BEIRUT AND THE OPPOSITE TO WASHINGTON END QUOTE.

3. WE ALSO ATTEMPTED CONVINCE KRAFT THAT SAUDI BUREAU-  
CRACY AT BEST SLOW AND VISA POLICIES UNPREDICTABLE, AND THAT  
ADDED CHAOS SHOULD BE EXPECTED IN VIEW ASSASSINATION. NEVER-  
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THELESS, KRAFT INSISTS LAYING ENTIRE FAULT AT DOORSTEP OF

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ITS EXPLETIVE DELETED BUREAUCRACY.  
KRAFT STATES HE DOES NOT QUOTE INTEND LET MATTER DROP END  
QUOTE.

4. KRAFT LEAVING ON PLANNED TOUR GULF AND HOPES OBTAIN VISA  
AT TEHRAN ON ARRIVAL THERE APRIL 12. HE QUOTE EXPECTS END  
QUOTE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE HAVE VISA READY THERE AND  
TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF EFFORTS AT HIS VARIOUS  
STOPS IN GULF. WE TOLD KRAFT THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS REQUESTS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT PERTINENT CABLES TO TEHRAN  
AND GULF POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.

6. REFTEL C JUST RECEIVED. AS NOTED PARA 4,  
AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE CABLED TEHRAN. KRAFT  
CHECKED OUT OF HOTEL BEFORE EMBASSY ABLE RELAY  
INFO CONTAINED REFTEL C.  
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